

To Dr. Simpson and everyone involved at the VACC Camp: You have touched the lives of so many families and helped so many become happier and healthier children. Happy 25th anniversary, VACC Camp, and keep up the good work.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### GEORGIA'S FIRST SQUADRON, 108TH CAVALRY OF THE 48TH IN- FANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GRAVES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of seven men from Georgia's First Squadron, 108th Cavalry of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team based in northwest Georgia.

On September 2, 2010, these men received the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medals with "V" Device for their personal valor and action in an intense firefight during Operation Brest Thunder. Operation Brest Thunder, an operation involving U.S. troops, French marines, and the Afghanistan National Army, was designed in order to persuade the citizens of Afghanistan that it was safe for them to participate in the electoral process in the dangerous insurgency area of the Shpee Valley and the Kapisa Province.

It was through their bravery and boldness during this operation that the following men have been recognized for their outstanding action. The Bronze Star Medal with "V" device was awarded to:

Captain Nathaniel C. Stone of Monticello, Georgia; Sergeant First Class Kenneth Brooks of Calhoun, Georgia; Staff Sergeant William Bookout of Villa Rica, Georgia; Sergeant Roger Mavis of Dallas, Georgia; and Specialist Christopher Lowe from Savannah, Georgia.

Receiving the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device were Staff Sergeant William Moore of Newnan, Georgia, and Specialist Justin Evans of Silver Creek, Georgia.

During Operation Brest Thunder, a large number of Taliban had entered the Shpee Valley in Afghanistan in

order to reinforce insurgents already there. At the start of their mission, U.S. forces immediately took heavy fire from enemy forces in every direction.

After a fellow captain was mortally wounded, and the assisting soldier, Specialist Lowe, wounded and incapacitated, Captain Stone and Specialist Evans sprung into action. Captain Stone was dispatched to lead the Quick Reaction Force to evacuate Specialist Lowe and the fallen soldier from the battlefield back to the combat outpost. Meanwhile, Specialist Evans treated Specialist Lowe's wounds while staving off enemy fire.

Maneuvering under fire, Captain Stone and Sergeant First Class Brooks, the onsite commander, immediately assessed the situation and the course of action for evacuation. They soon realized that the only way to retrieve the casualties was to immediately employ their men to lay down fire at a tree line that had been the source of the heaviest assault.

Once their men were in place and able to begin an aggressive attack, Captain Stone, along with another soldier, sprinted approximately 50 meters up high ground towards the house where the casualties were located without regard for their own personal safety. Upon reaching Specialist Evans and Specialist Lowe, Captain Stone realized Specialist Lowe was losing a lot of blood and must be rapidly evacuated out of harm's way. Captain Stone sprinted towards one of the vehicles where Specialist Lowe was placed, while several rounds of enemy fire shot around him, skimming the top of his right boot.

And Captain Stone ran through enemy fire to ensure that Specialist Lowe received medical attention and that the body of his fellow soldier was retrieved.

This quick thinking and courageous action by Captain Stone and Specialist Evans, without regard for their own safety, saved Specialist Lowe's life and assured the retrieval of their fellow man. Throughout the duration of Operation Brest Thunder, Sergeant First Class Brooks, Staff Sergeant Moore, Sergeant Mavis and Sergeant Bookout endured heavy enemy fire.

These men led valiantly, calmly, and decisively. Although they were under heavy enemy fire, these men and their team pressed on and unfortunately sustained two casualties. However, they were able to maneuver their forces and hold overwatch positions until the Quick Reaction Force could respond to medevac any casualties and help neutralize the enemy threat. They simultaneously oversaw the defense of their combat outpost from heavy fire upon the return of their mission.

A few of these men have noted Operation Brest Thunder to be one of the toughest battles they have fought. But it is because of their strength of skill that a Taliban commander and almost two dozen insurgents fell, helping the

United States and her allies grow stronger, protecting her from those who wish to do her harm.

The courageous actions of these men show their commitment to their mission, to each other, and to their country.

Madam Speaker, I have taken this opportunity to commend the heroic actions of these men. But I would also like to take this opportunity to thank them. I would like to thank these men for sacrificing their lives and their livelihoods for this country.

I want to thank their families for showing tremendous support, strength, and resiliency, and I want to be sure that they and their brothers and sisters all across the United States Armed Forces know that we at home are always thinking and supportive of them. Americans can sleep more peacefully, Americans can live their lives more freely knowing that soldiers like these brave men from Georgia's First Squadron, 108th Cavalry of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team are out there fighting for our freedoms.

God bless them and their families, and may the Lord continue to bless this great and glorious cause called America.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO- VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 4783, CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

Mr. POLIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-660) on the resolution (H. Res. 1736) providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### THE RULE OF LAW: FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. CARTER. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

We've been talking for a couple of years now about the rule of law and how the rules that we set up for ourselves are rules that glue our society together. But there are times when there are rules that people have a misconception about. This happens more and more when you're back home, somebody will come to you in the business community or even in their personal life and complain about something or some way that the government was interfering with their lives.